

**Minutes  
Prescription Work Group  
January 09, 2008**

**Present:** Melinda Malott, Todd Johnson, Kim Vander Weyden, Dianne Vander Weyden, Katherine Murray, and Vicki Mills

- I      December 12th Coalition Meeting** – Melinda distributed the PowerPoint used by Sue Hecht at the meeting. This PowerPoint is titled: How to Lobby

Melinda reminded the group that the Community Health Needs assessment in its final form is posted on the county web page.

**II      Status of Activities**

- A.      Medication Resource List reformatting - Kathryn will meet with Todd, Heather, and Melinda in the next month to finalize the format and establish a solid update schedule.
- B.      Pilot Project - Todd reported that Bonnie Bramwell would have an office at FMH from 9am – 12noon Monday through Fridays starting next week. This provides an opportunity for patients who are discharged who have no prescription insurance to apply with med bank prior to leaving the hospital. In the next couple of months data will be available regarding the utilization of this service.
- C.      Sample Medications – After much discussion there does not seem to be a realistic solution to the management of sample medications between practices.
- D.      Legislative Update – Kim and Dianne reported having received responses from Sue Hecht regarding their own persona situation. If members what to know what legislative proposals are current the website is in the PowerPoint Melinda distributed. It was also agreed upon that if our sub-committee were to take any legislative action that we would collaborate with the larger coalition.

- III      Next Steps:** The group reviewed our original objectives and agreed we have met them other than developing a prescription plan for the citizens of Frederick County who do not have such a plan. It is an issue that is much larger than our group. Ideas were generated about what we should focus on.

- ❖ Distribution of the resource List
- ❖ Regular review of the resource list for accuracy
- ❖ Canned PowerPoint for members to deliver to large groups that would educate citizens about the list and demonstrate how to use it.

Additional discussion surrounded whether or not the group should continue to meet, or to cut down on regular meetings. This discussion will continue when Tom Werner is present.

**Next Meeting:** February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 second floor FMH 4-5:30